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CUSTOMS DUTY ON BETEL LEAF
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of betel leaf to Pakistan has been affected due to hike in customs duty on it, whereas smuggling of betel leaf has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard in view of loss of revenue due to above said reasons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) There is no Customs duty on the export of betel leafout of India. Therefore, the question of any increase in smuggling of betel leaf to Pakistan due to hike in Customs duty does not arise.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.